

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of claims:**

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1. (Currently Amended) A provisioning database, comprising:  
a first data structure containing provisioning information for a plurality of globally accessible configuration resources that are globally accessible by a plurality of provisioning servers; and  
a second data structure containing provisioning information for a plurality of restricted configuration resources access to which by the plurality of provisioning servers is restricted.
  2. (Original) The provisioning database of claim 1, wherein the second data structure is restricted using identification codes.
  3. (Original) The provisioning database of claim 1, wherein the plurality of globally accessible configuration resources includes configuration information for a plurality of user access devices.
  4. (Currently Amended) A database having a plurality of global components and a plurality of restricted components, the global components accessible by a request from any of a plurality of provisioning servers, and ~~to any requester, and~~ the restricted components having restricted access on a per request basis.
  5. (Original) The database of claim 4, wherein the global components are provisioning information for a plurality of user access devices to a communications network.

6. (Currently Amended) The database of claim 4, wherein the restricted components are provisioning information for a the plurality of provisioning servers uniquely identified to the database.

7. (Original) A provisioning database, comprising:

a first portion having a plurality of stored and uniquely identified sets of provisioning information, each of the sets associated with one of a plurality of external provisioning server and accessible only to its associated provisioning server; and

a second portion having a plurality of stored sets of provisioning information for a plurality of external user access devices, each of the sets globally accessible for provisioning any of the plurality of external user access devices.

8. (Original) The provisioning database of claim 7, wherein the second data structure is restricted using identification codes.

9. (Original) The provisioning database of claim 7, wherein the provisioning database is stored in a machine readable medium.

10. (Original) An access method for controlling access to a database having a global portion and a restricted portion, the method comprising:

identifying a host device requesting access to the restricted portion;

allowing access to a subsection of the restricted portion containing provisioning information for the particular requesting host device; and

allowing universal access to the global portion for provisioning a user access device.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein allowing access further comprises:

tagging each host device with a unique identifier;

storing configuration information on a per host device basis in the restricted portion; and

retrieving specific host information only upon matching a unique identifier with the per host device storage location.

12. (Original) A provisioning method, comprising:  
receiving a configuration request from a host at a provisioning database;  
identifying the host; and  
configuring the host using restricted access configuration information stored in the provisioning database.
13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein configuring the host further comprises:  
tagging specific host configuration information in a configuration database;  
assigning a unique identifier to each of a plurality of hosts; and  
retrieving configuration information associated with the unique identifier upon receiving a provisioning request from a host.
14. (Original) The method of claim 12, and further comprising:  
assigning a unique identifier to each of a plurality of hosts;  
storing configuration information for each of the plurality of hosts in a restricted access portion of the provisioning database; and  
retrieving stored configuration information from the restricted access portion for a specific one of the plurality of provisioning servers when the specific provisioning server requests configuration.
15. (Currently Amended) A method of storing provisioning information, comprising:  
creating first and second storage portions of a provisioning database;  
storing configuration information for a plurality of user access devices in the first portion;  
identifying the first portion for global access by any of a plurality of external servers;  
storing configuration information for a plurality of external provisioning servers in the second portion;

assigning each of the plurality of external provisioning servers a unique identifier;  
tagging the configuration information for each of the external provisioning servers with  
the unique identifier for that particular provisioning server; and  
retrieving only the configuration information tagged with the unique identifier of an  
external provisioning server requesting configuration information in response to a request from  
the external provisioning server requesting configuration information.

16. (Currently Amended) A network system, comprising:  
a central provisioning database; and  
a plurality of provisioning servers; servers, each provisioning server receiving specific  
configuration information from the central provisioning database for provisioning the  
provisioning server, and receiving global information for provisioning user access devices  
wherein the central provision database comprises a first data structure containing  
provisioning information for a plurality of globally accessible configuration resources that are  
globally accessible by the plurality of provisioning servers and a second data structure containing  
provisioning information for a plurality of restricted configuration resources access to which by  
the plurality of provisioning servers is restricted.